

"I guess I'll take the dogs for a run," he said, heading out the door with their three pets.

I've written before about my late step-mother, Alyce, who always said, "I'd rather wear out, than rust out."

She lived by that saying, spending her time caring for her family—offering advice to her often bewildered stepson—volunteering for her church and community, almost to the end, at the of 83.

I wish Scott would have had the same chance. As it was, he spent his last Sunday the way he spent most of his spare time—taking care of those he loved.

Scott deserved another 50 years, at least as much as any of us do. He was just hitting his stride when he was called from this life Sunday afternoon, at the age of 33.

Maybe his memory will help us make the right choices when it comes to how we spend our precious days on earth.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Evans, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 1:23 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 264. Concurrent resolution authorizing and requesting the President to issue a proclamation to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Constantino Brumidi.

H. Con. Res. 357. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Dr. Dorothy Height.

H. Con. Res. 358. Concurrent resolution authorizing the printing of "History of the United States Capitol" as a House document.

H. Con. Res. 359. Concurrent resolution permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

At 7:02 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 361. Concurrent resolution providing for a conditional adjournment of the House of Representatives and a conditional recess or adjournment of the Senate.

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 2061. A bill to improve women's health access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the delivery of obstetrical and gynecological services.

S. 2062. A bill to amend the procedures that apply to consideration of interstate class actions to assure fairer outcomes for class members and defendants, and for other purposes.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6253. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-311, "Distracted Driving Safety Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6254. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-312, "Police and Firemen's Service Longevity Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6255. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-313, "Henry Kennedy Memorial Tennis Courts Designation Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6256. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-315, "Closing of a Public Square 2848 and of a Portion of Kenyon Street, N.W., S.O. 03-411, Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6257. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-314, "Extension of the Time Period for Disposition of a Property Located at 2341 4th Street, N.E., Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6258. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-331, "Medical Support Establishment and Enforcement Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6259. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-332, "Neighborhood Investment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6260. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-333, "Water and Sewer Authority Collections Clarification Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6261. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-334, "Closing of a Public Alley in Square 316, S.O. 03-2973, Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6262. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report

of D.C. Act 15-336, "Documents Administrative Cost Assessment Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6263. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-335, "Prevention of Premature Release of Mentally Incompetent Defendants Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6264. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-294, "Board of Veterinary Examiners Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6265. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-296, "Health Care Privatization Rulemaking Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6266. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-295, "Traffic Adjudication Appeal Fee Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6267. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-297, "Closing of a Portion of Jewett Street, N.W., S.O. 98-272, Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6268. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-298, "Closing of Portions of the Alley System in Square 2868, S.O. 01-4094, Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6269. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-299, "Washington Convention Center Authority Term Limit Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6270. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-300, "Electric Standard Offer Service Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6271. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-301, "Closing of Public Alleys in Square 2672, S.O. 03-757, Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6272. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-302, "Office of Administrative Hearings Independence Preservation Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6273. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-303, "Interim Disability Assistance Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6274. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-304, "Child and Youth, Safety and Health Omnibus Temporary Amendment Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-6275. A communication from the Chairman of the Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of D.C. Act 15-305, "Bonus Depreciation Decoupling Temporary Act of 2004"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.